

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An electronic response device other than a personal computer, the response device configured to allow a user to ~~interactively respond;~~ send data over a standard communication system ;to programming in response to a program received apart from the response device, the response device comprising:

a user input mechanism for entry of user input and responses;

means for requiring the user's input of a program identifier code for ~~the~~ the program received apart from the response device;

means for providing a user identifier code, the means selected from the group consisting of having the user identifier code associated with the response device and having the user input the user identifier code;

a central processing unit (CPU) for correlating the responses the user has entered into the user input mechanism to the program identifier code and for processing the program identifier code, the user identifier code, and ~~response data~~ responses the user has entered into the user input mechanism;

a power source; and

a transmitter connected to the CPU.

2. (Previously presented) The electronic response device according to claim 1, wherein:

the input mechanism is selected from the group consisting of a key pad and voice recognition apparatus;

the transmitter comprises a two-way paging device; and

the communication system comprises a two-way paging system.

3. (Previously presented) The electronic response device according to claim 1, wherein:

the input mechanism is selected from the group consisting of a key pad and voice recognition apparatus;

the transmitter is configured to send data bursts over standard telephone lines; and

the communication system comprises a plain old telephone system.

4. (Currently amended) The electronic response device according to claim 1 wherein:

the input mechanism is selected from the group consisting of a key pad and voice recognition apparatus;

the transmitter is configured to call telephone numbers each of the telephone numbers having been associated with a particular response to the program; and

the communication system comprises a plain old telephone system.

5. (Previously amended) The electronic response device according to claim 1, wherein:

the input mechanism is selected from the group consisting of a key pad and voice recognition apparatus;

the transmitter comprises a wireless internet protocol device; and

the communication system comprises an internet protocol system.

6. (Original) The electronic response device according to claim 5, wherein:

the internet protocol system further communicates with a telecommunication system.

7. (Previously amended) The electronic response device according to claim 1, further comprising:

an indicator for indicating the connection status of the electronic response device to the communication system.

8 - 12. (Previously cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A method for receiving and processing responses to programming a program selected from the group consisting of a radio broadcast, a television broadcast, an internet broadcast, a satellite communication, an audio tape, a video tape, and a live performance, the method comprising:

providing a program identifier code for ~~[[a]]~~ the program;

providing means for identifying an audience member;

providing a user input device other than a personal computer;

having the audience member input the program identifier code into the user input device;

having the audience member input ~~response data~~ responses into the user input device;

transmitting ~~the response data comprising the program identifier code, the means for identifying an audience member, and the responses~~ over a standard communication system;

collecting and processing the response data at a central location;

correlating the program identifier code to the responses;

processing the response data.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 which further includes:
 sending the processed data to a presenter of the program for viewing.
15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14 which further includes:
 having the presenter of the program respond to the audience member.
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 wherein the standard communication system is selected from the group consisting of a two-way paging network, a one-way paging network, and an internet protocol network.
18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 wherein the standard communication system utilizes telephone lines and equipment and the response data is transmitted by having the user input device call a pre-assigned telephone number associated with the input response data.
19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13 which further includes having the audience member log in to a remote computer system before inputting response data into the user input device.
20. (Currently amended) A system for receiving and processing responses to programming a program selected from the group consisting of a radio broadcast, a television broadcast, an internet broadcast, a satellite communication, an audio tape, a video tape, and a live performance, the system comprising:
 providing a program identifier code for [[a]] the program being presented;
 providing a user input device other than a personal computer;
 having an audience member input the program identifier code into the user

input device;

having the audience member input ~~response data~~ responses into the user input device;

transmitting the program identifier code and the ~~response data~~ responses associated with a user identifier over a standard communication system;

collecting, correlating, and processing the program identifier and the ~~response data~~ responses;

routing the ~~response data~~ responses to a program presenter.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20 which further includes:

having the presenter respond to the audience member.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20 wherein the standard communication system is selected from the group consisting of a two-way paging network, a one-way paging network, and an internet protocol network.

24. (Currently amended) The system of claim 20 wherein the standard communication system utilizes telephone lines and equipment and the ~~response data is~~ responses are transmitted by having the user input device call a pre-assigned telephone number associated with the input ~~response data~~ responses.

25. (Currently amended) The system of claim 20 which further includes having the audience member log in to a remote computer system before inputting data the program identifier code and the responses into the user input device.